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2007-2008 Alternative 1 (Low)

Changes to 2006 Expected (SQ):

DEPTHS: North area - 0-20 fm May-December; Morro Bay South Central area - 0-30 fm May-September; South area 0-30 fm

March-December

MONTHS: North Central area - Close October

RCG SEASON BY REGION:

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
North region					> 20fm Closed									
North Central							;	> 20fm Cl	osed		> 20fr	n Closed		
South Central - Monterey									> 20fm	Closed				
South Central - Morro Bay					> 20fm Closed									
South Region [*]					> 30fm Closed									

NOTES AND KEY:

Shore fishing allowed in all waters in all months

RCG = Rockfish, cabezon, greenlings

--- = Closed to boat-based fishing for RCG

LINGCOD SEASON IS OPEN ONLY WHEN RCG IS OPEN, EXCEPT CLOSED DEC. JAN, FEB, MAR FOR SPAWNING

*In the South Region, CA scorpionfish is open 12 months: 0-40 fm in January-February and 0-30 fm March-December.

ESTIMATED IMPACTS FROM OPTION:

				E:	stimated	Impact	s (mt)			
Region	Yelloweye	Canary	Cowcod	Bocaccio	Widow	Minor NS RF North	Minor NS RF South	CA Scorpion- fish	Lingcod	Lingcod + Dec Open exc SCMB
North region	0.8	0.5	N/A	N/A	0	17.1	N/A	0	51	55
North Central	0.4	3	0	0.2	1.3	N/A	126	0	105	120
South Central - Monterey	0	0.3	0	1.8	0.1	N/A	98	0	26	29
South Central - Morro Bay	0	0.7	0	0.5	0	N/A	81	0	21	21
South Region	0	0.3	0	13.4	0.2	N/A	58	79	22	29
TOTAL CALIFORNIA	1.2	4.8	0	16	1.6	17.1	363	79	207 ¹	234 ¹

¹Includes change in size limit from 24" to 22" TL and a change in bag limit from 2 fish/bag to 1 fish/bag.

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2007-2008 Alternative 2 (High a = Mid)

Changes to 2006 Expected (SQ):

DEPTHS: South Central Morro Bay - 0-20 fm April - September; South area - 0-40 fm in March-August

MONTHS: South Central Morro Bay - open April

RCG SEASON BY REGION

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
North region								>30	ed				
North Central							> 20fm Closed						
South Central - Monterey						> 20fm Closed							
South Central - Morro Bay						> 20fm Closed							
South Region*					> 40fm Closed > 30fm					fm Closed	> 60f	m Closed	

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*In the South Region, CA scorpionfish is open 12 months: 0-40 fm in January-August, 0-30 fm September-October and 0-60 fm November-December.

ESTIMATED IMPACTS FROM OPTION:

		Estimated Impacts (mt)											
Region	Yelloweye	Canary	Cowcod	Bocaccio ^{a/}	Widow	Minor NS RF North	Minor NS RF South	CA Scorpionfish	Lingcod	Lingcod + Dec Open exc SCMB			
North region	0.9	0.7	N/A	N/A	0	17.3	N/A	0	51	55			
North Central	0.6	3.8	0	0.2	2.0	N/A	162	0	135	151			
South Central - Monterey	0	0.3	0	1.8	0.1	N/A	98	0	26	29			
South Central - Morro Bay	0	0.8	0	0.6	0	N/A	87	0	23	23			
South Region	0	0.3	0.1	29.1	1.1	N/A	57	74	24	33			
TOTAL CALIFORNIA	1.5	5.9	0.1	31.7	3.2	17.3	404	74	259	291			

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2007-2008 Alternative 3 (High b)

Add to 2006 Expected (SQ):

DEPTHS: North, North Central, and Monterey South Central areas - 0-40 fm; South area - 0-60 fm for September-October

MONTHS: North Central area - open half of June; Monterey South Central area - open May & June; Morro Bay South Central area - open April & half of October

open April & Hall of October

RCG SEASON BY REGION

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
North region					> 40fm Closed								
North Central					> 40fm Closed								
South Central - Monterey					> 40fm Closed								
South Central - Morro Bay						> 40	fm Close	d					
South Region [*]							> 6	0fm Clos	sed				

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Only half of month is open

ESTIMATED IMPACTS FROM OPTION:

	Estimated Impacts (mt)											
Region	Yelloweye	Canary	Cowcod	Bocaccio	Widow	Minor NS RF North	Minor NS RF South	CA Scorpionfish	Lingcod	Lingcod + Dec Open exc SCMB		
North region	0.7	0.7	N/A	N/A	0	14.8		0	42	46		
North Central	0.5	5.7	0	1.0	12.1	N/A	147	0	120	133		
South Central - Monterey	0.0	0.6	0	12.0	1.0	N/A	114	0	29	32		
South Central - Morro Bay	0.1	1.3	0	3.9	0	N/A	79	0	21	21		
South Region	0	0.3	0.3	89.9	5.2	N/A	61	75	28	37		
TOTAL CALIFORNIA IMPACTS	1.3	8.6	0.3	106.8 ¹	18.3	14.8	401	75	240	269		

¹Includes increase in bag limit from 1 to 2 fish per bag for area south of 40° 10' N. lat.

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2006 Expected CA Recreational Season w/ matching Federal and State Regs "Status Quo Option"

RCG SEASON BY REGION

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
North region					> 30fm Closed							
North Central					> 20fm Closed							
South Central - Monterey					> 20fm Closed							
South Central - Morro Bay					> 40fm Closed							
South Region [*]					> 60fm Closed > 30 fm Closed > 60fm							m Closed

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ESTIMATED IMPACTS FROM OPTION:

				Estimat	ted Impa	acts (mt)		
Region	Yelloweye	Canary	Cowcod	Bocaccio	Widow	Minor NS RF North	CA Scorpionfish	Minor NS RF South ^{a/}	Lingcod
North region	0.9	0.7	N/A	N/A	0	17.3		N/A	51
North Central	0.6	3.8	0	0.2	2.0	N/A		162	135
South Central - Monterey	0	0.3	0	1.8	0.1	N/A		98	26
South Central - Morro Bay	0	1	0	1.8	0	N/A		65	17
South Region	0	0.3	0.2	48	3.5	N/A	62	60	27
TOTAL CALIFORNIA	1.5	6.1	0.2	51.8	5.6	17.3	62	385	256

a/ In 2006, the Minor Nearshore Rockfish South OY includes CA scorpionfish.

^{*}In all regions including the South Region, the CA scorpionfish season matches the nearshore RF season.